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1. USREP PLEASED THAT COUNCIL MEMBER HANE WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON AS MEMBER SENEGAL TEAM FOR DISCUSSIONS DAKAR FIR AND PROPOSED NEW SAL FIR. HE IS COOPERATIVE AND WORKS CLOSELY WITH USREP ON MAJOR ISSUES. PER REFTTEL C AND D HE HAS BEEN PLANNING A US VISIT FOR SOME TIME. IF TIME PERMITS USREP SUGGESTS SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICES IN DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND CAB (HANE WAS FORMERLY DIR GEN CIVIL AVIATION IN SENEGAL AND MEMBER MANAGEMENT TEAM AIR AFRIQUE).

2. USREP WILL BE ON CONSULTATION JANUARY 27-28 AND WILL ADDRESS LUNCHEON MEETING NATIONAL AVIATION CLUB 27TH. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT COORDINATING WITH PRES/AVIATION CLUB (REINKE OF EASTERN AIRLINES) FOR INVITATION TO HANE (AND AMB. COULBARY AND DIR LEGAL & CONSULAR AFFAIRS DOUDOU DIOP IF AVAILABLE) TO BE SPECIAL GUESTS AT AVIATION CLUB MEETING. WILL CHECK WITH DEPT. EARLY MORNING 27TH.

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3. FYI: DURING INFORMAL DISCUSSION WITH BRAZIL REP SHORTLY AFTER CAR SAM, HE EXPRESSED FRUSTRATION AND EXASPERATION RE DAKAR FIR INDICATING THAT BRAZIL HAD MADE EVERY EFFORT TO COOPERATE WITH AND ASSIST SENEGAL IN IMPROVING DAKAR FIR SERVICES -- EVEN TO THE EXTENT OF SENDING EQUIPMENT/PERSONNEL/FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE BUT THESE OVERTURES HAVE BEEN TURNED DOWN REPEATEDLY BY SENEGAL.

4. IN ADDITION TO ASECNA INTEREST (REPRESENTED BY FRANCE'S VOTE WITH SENEGAL AGAINST SAL) USREP LEARNED SOME MONTHS AGO THAT AGREEMENTS COVERING CONCORDE OPERATIONS THROUGH DAKAR TO BRAZIL HAD BROAD BILATERAL IMPLICATIONS. SENEGAL AND BRAZIL COUNCIL REPS TOLD USREP INFORMALLY BUT FIRMLY THAT CONCORDE OPERATIONS AGREEMENTS WOULD PULL BOTH THOSE COUNTRIES CLOSER TO FRANCE ON AVIATION ISSUES.
END FYI

5. USREP HOPES TO BE INCLUDED IN AT LEAST ONE OF THE GENERAL DISCUSSION MEETINGS WITH SENEGAL MISSION IN WASHINGTON ON THE OCEANIC FIR PROBLEM.
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